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On 29 May 1954, a convoy of 8 trucks, each occupied by 40 convicts, passed through Neuruppin. Two VPs armed with carbines were posted on each of the trucks, separated from the convicts by a wooden partition. The convoy was preceded and followed by four VPs each riding bicycles. [redacted] the convoy was bound for Ruegen Island.

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Comment: The shipment to Ruegen Island of convicts may indicate an intended resumption of construction work on this island. Rumors on the resumption of construction work on Ruegen Island have been reported previously. In 1953, forced laborers had been employed at Glowe on the construction of a canal to Jasmunder Bodden. In June 1953, when work on the Ruegenhafen project was discontinued, these forced laborers left Ruegen Island.

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